

Abstract

This invention is a system and a method for styling hair and parting hair according to a predetermined pattern. The invention utilizes a stencil that has a patterned edge. Preferably, the stencil is a flattened elongated stencil device that is formed from a resilient material, such as plastic polyurethane or rubber, and is capable of conforming to the curvature of a human head. In operation the stencil device is placed over the area of hair to be styled and the patterned edge of the stencil device is traced through the hair with a parting device. The hair is then separated along the trace with the parting device to create a hair style with a part patterned substantially similar to the patterned edge of the stencil device used. The parting device preferably has a tip portion for tracing the part through the hair and a handle portion for separating the hair. Preferably, the handle portion of the parting device has two movable handles that are hingably attached to the tip portion and which open and close in a "jaw-like" fashion. Accordingly, the tip portion is moved through the hair near the scalp while tracing along the patterned edge of the stencil device. The handles are preferably in the closed position and with the tip portion pointing in a forward tracing direction. While tracing the tip through the hair, the hair flows over the handles and collects on the handles. After the tracing is complete, the hair is separated by lifting the parting device through the hair with the handles in the open position. Alternatively, the parting device has a tip portion and a flared body portion. Accordingly, the hair is separated as a result of the hair flowing from the tip portion over the flared handle as the tip section is traced through the hair.